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County council paves the way for residential development

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A residential development in Dysart will include six affordable housing units.

Land at the corner of Maple Avenue and Victoria Street has been redesignated from commercial to an urban residential area to allow for three six-unit apartment complexes comprised of one, two, and three-bedroom units.

Two of the units in each building will be designated as affordable housing. The others will be offered at market value by the proponent, Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation.

Dysart's municipal council previously approved the development, and the upper tier decision-makers gave the greenlight the various planning amendments to allow the project to proceed.

Haliburton County council heard Aug. 16 that the development will be carried out in three phases.

There's a single detached dwelling on the property that will be demolished and its residents will move into one of the units to be constructed in the first phase of development.

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Over the Rainbow

The Haliburton Legion hosted Divas Dance Party on Saturday night, where pop artist Dani Doucette headlined a night of music, drag and dance. DJ Chris Evans kept people moving on the dance floor while the ever-so vibrant drag queen Plum Vicious entertained the crowd as part of Minden Pride week celebrations. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*



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Parking may be challenge for new housing: Ryall

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Surrounding land uses to the north, south and east include restaurant and

Adam Kozlowski, the county's senior planner, said the residences will be serviced by existing municipal sanitary sewers. A private communal drinking water system supplied by three new wells will provide potable water supply.

Kozlowski said all necessary technical reports have been peer-reviewed and deemed to be in good standing.

Coniferous and deciduous trees, shrubs and planting beds will be installed adjacent to the proposed buildings and along the property boundaries to enhance the visual aesthetic of the development.

Richard Carson, the project's proponent, said the development is an opportunity to "lift up the services" for residents. He said he's been involved in the county since the 1970s and plans to soon become a resident.

The property to be developed has been vacant for about 15 years, he said.

"What we've tried hard to do is to propose a solution to a huge need, which is for rental housing in (Haliburton Village)," Carson said. "Not condominiums, but housing."

"It could be for families, for seniors, even for professionals working in our community, which has been a problem in the past. There just isn't enough rental housing for folks in the town."

He said the proposed apartments are generously sized with appropriate parking and good access. Because the property is on a flood plain of imperfect soil, much time and expert consulting was carried out to find a solution that would enable the development.

The site's aesthetic will lift up the community. Constructing the apartment building in phases over three or four years illustrates a pragmatic approach to the development, Carson said.

"There'll be beautiful looking buildings," he said. "We think it's a smart idea for the community."

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin High-

lands, said it is exciting to see a much-needed housing development proceed in the county.

"I just wish that all four buildings were going up at once," Danielsen said. "One step at a time."

The development will have a parking lot at the property's west side, accessed by way of Victoria Street.

Councillor Carter, who is the mayor of Minden Hills, said there's usually more than one parking spot per unit. Those matters are under the jurisdiction of the municipality.

"So if we had it at two (parking spaces per unit) and wanted to change it to one for a specific project, it's within our power to do that," Carter said.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, Highlands East's deputy mayor, said residents of each unit will likely have visitors that will need access to parking. Visitors who can't park on the parking lot will do so on the nearby road.

"One space per apartment could be a little bit challenging," Ryall said.

"The way the site has been designed is, again, one parking spot per each unit," Carson said. "Each of the 18 (units), and that includes wheelchair-sized parking spots."

He said there are 10 parking spots on Victoria Street, adjacent to the property. And there's parking at nearby tennis courts.

"It's a very wide street," he said.

Carson said building regulations stipulate only a single parking space be provided to each unit.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands' deputy mayor, asked whether the apartment buildings will include fully accessible units.

Carson said provincial building rules stipulate that each phase will have at least one fully accessible unit.

"But, in fact, we will have two," he said, and added that those units will include wheelchair ramps, oversized doorways, and larger amenities such as bathroom facilities.

"Two units in each of the three buildings will be fully accessible," he said.

County paramedics welcome base hospital physician

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dr. Vince Acieri is the new community paramedic medical doctor at the Haliburton County Paramedic Service.

Tim Waite, the service's chief paramedic, told the upper tier council Aug. 16 that Acieri is very familiar with the local medical community.

"I've known Dr. Acieri for several years through the Base Hospital Program," Waite said.

Acieri is also the medical director at community paramedic programs in Peterborough, Lindsay, and in Kawartha Lakes.

"So we can have some consistency in protocols and procedures we do in homes," Waite said.

Acieri will be paid \$20,000, which was allocated in the operating budget for community paramedicine and is completely funded by the Ministry of Long-Term Care.

Acieri is an Emergency Department physician familiar with Haliburton County paramedics. In fact, he was previously a physician at the now-defunct Minden Emergency Department.

Acieri is also a Base Hospital physician so he has a good knowledge of the capabilities and skills of our paramedics, Waite said.

Community paramedicine isn't a regulated profession. That means procedures usually done by a doctor can be delegated to a paramedic by a physician.

In the 911 emergency system, procedures such as certain injections, inhalation, or taking blood samples are

delegated by the base hospital physician, Waite said.

"But the Ministry (of Health) has made it quite clear that the base hospital can't be delegating to community paramedics because it was going to take away from the resources for 911 paramedics," he said.

"So, for community paramedic programs, we have to acquire our own physician to perform these delegated skills in the home for a client," Waite said.

Warden Liz Danielsen asked if paramedics will need to seek approval from Acieri for certain procedure or if "blanket approval" could be given per emergency call.

"Certain procedures will just operate by protocol so we know what things may be done," Waite said. "Presently, we can't administer the flu vaccine to clients in the home because we didn't have a medical director. Unless a personal physician wanted to delegate that skill."

Paramedics were able to administer COVID-19 vaccine under the licence of Dr. Natalie Bocking, the medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Public Health Unit.

"She provided the protocol for us to administer the vaccine," he said.

Protocols include the procedure as well as indications and contraindications.

A drug's indication is its approved use. In medicine, a contraindication is a situation that renders a medication or treatment unsafe.

Paramedics consult base hospital physicians who weigh the circumstances.

"The majority of procedures would be protocol-based," Waite said.

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Pride Week in the Highlands

Below, Vibrant drag queen Plum Vicious performs a rocking set during the Divas Dance Party event on Saturday night at the Haliburton Legion. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*
Right, Auntie Plum gets ready to read a story to a crowd at Pride Storytime at the Haliburton County Public Library on Thursday, Aug. 24. /Justin Van Lieshout, Minden Pride
Below right, Queer Comedy Night was back at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike on Friday as part of Minden Pride week in Haliburton County where guests were treated to a night of laughter featuring hilarious queer comedians. Host Robert Watson kicked off the 19-plus event before handing things off to comedy queen Messy Margaret, Cliff Knight and Mickey Dykeman. /ADAM FRISK Special to the *Echo*



Minden Rotary Celebrity Clowns were at the Minden Pride Street Fest on Sunday, Aug. 27. /Justin Van Lieshout, Minden Pride



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Paramedics meet or exceed response times, says chief

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's chief paramedic recommends holding the line on emergency response times in the coming year.

Tim Waite, the director of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, said the organization is required to submit a response time plan to the provincial Ministry of Health by October's end.

Waite, the chief paramedic, said he's about a month early this year because he's seen some potential conflicts to forwarding the plan that may arise in September.

"I want to make sure we're compliant," he said.

In a report to county council Aug. 16, Waite said the service is meeting or exceeding response time targets previously set for 2023.

"We will continue to monitor and report on our response times as part of our regular quality assurance and improvement process as well as maintain our present deployment plan," Waite said.

"The county is able to make adjustments to the Response Time Standard Plan at any time during the year. If the plan is found to be inadequate we can adjust accordingly."

As per the plan, the service will endeavour to respond within six minutes 20 per cent of the time to a patient in sudden cardiac arrest.

Other emergency response times are classified according to levels on the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS). That's a means to enable emergency department staff to

prioritize patients.

In CTAS 1 emergencies, paramedics will be on scene 30 per cent of the time within eight minutes after the call for help is received.

The service will be on scene 65 per cent of the time within 15 minutes to the location of the patient determined to be CTAS 2.

Help will arrive 65 per cent of the time within 20 minutes at the location of a CTAS 3 patient.

First responders will be at the side of a patient deemed to be CTAS 4 within 25 minutes 65 per cent of the time.

CTAS 5 patients will be tended to within 30 minutes 65 per cent of the time the call for help is received.

"We're looking good with our response time so far this year," Waite said. "So my recommendation is to just maintain the response time plan as status quo."

According to a report to county council, response time has historically been used as a measurement for system

effectiveness. The assumption was that faster is better. The quicker the system responded, the higher the quality of clinical outcomes.

"Recent evidence-based research has allowed us to better understand the relationship between clinical outcomes and response times," Waite wrote in his report. "This current research has suggested that our response times have little impact on clinical outcomes outside a small subset of call types."

Haliburton paramedics have a larger number of skills to provide the care required upon arriving at the patient's side.

"The noted plan is unchanged from last year and maintains response time expectations to those calls that evidence shows makes a difference while allowing us more time to respond to requests for service that are less time-sensitive," Waite wrote.



All you need is (c)love

The Garlic Festival celebrated 16 years in Haliburton County this past weekend with another successful event. "We're just so grateful to see all the vendors and community partners come out to support this great day," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations for Abbey Gardens. The event featured a variety of food vendors, artisans, and live music. / EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



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In the matter of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Glamor Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

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The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

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A successful day in memory of Lisa Kerr

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

A drizzly day didn't slow down participation at the first annual Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 24 at the Blairhampton Golf Course.

While this is the first official Lisa Kerr Tournament, the name evolved from the original Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) Tournament, which has been running since 2011 to raise money for the VDO and the many patients the organization supports.

Lisa Kerr passed away this past February after a battle with cancer, and her absence was noticed at the tournament. "She poured her heart into making it the success it is today. To commemorate her dedication, we unanimously decided to rename this event the Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament," shared the organizers. "This decision reflects the profound impact she had on our organization and our mission."

Since the VDO was opened, it has treated 1227 patients, offered 10,892 appointments, and provided \$4,023,371 in free dentistry to locals. The team makes it their mission to provide free urgent dental care for low income residents of Haliburton County, and the facility is open the majority of each week; whenever the volunteer team is available.

The tournament saw 148 golfers on the course and 22 volunteers. "Although it stings that Lisa's not here, everyone really stepped up this year," said Leslie Cusato, one of the organizers of the event. While the not-for-profit organization has some major donors and smaller events through-



The Glecoff family pauses their game for a quick photo during the Lisa Kerr Memorial Golf Tournament on Aug. 24. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

out the year, this golf tournament is their major fundraiser.

Cusato noted that the event ran the majority of the day, with breakfast provided by Abbey Gardens, and lunch by

Wintergreen Maple.

Bill Kerr was proud to share that the event raised over \$70,000. "While it's a little bittersweet - I know she would have loved today - it was just a fabulous day,"

he said. "I am so happy that so many people came out to honour Lisa."



Haliburton & District Lions Club

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

New year, new adventures for students and teachers

IT IS THAT time of year again, where teachers are dusting off their classroom shelves and students are excitedly (and not-so-excitedly) packing their backpacks for the first day of school. As a teacher, this time of year is always bittersweet. Though I am looking forward to new classes, seeing the passion and creativity that comes from every new group of students, the cool weather and shorter nights make it clear that the long, hazy days of summer are almost over.

For many teachers, this time of year is a mad dash to prepare for the arrival of classes full of energetic, enthusiastic students eager to begin a new year.

Teachers start preparing long before students' arrivals, creating and revising course materials, decorating classrooms, perusing curriculum documents, and developing lesson plans and materials to help students achieve their full potential in the new year.

Kelsey Crowe, a teacher at the Virtual Learning Centre, is excited for the year of new classes and students. "I'm looking forward to community building with my classes! I enjoy getting to know new students and working with them to build a welcoming environment for their learning. Having a positive and engaging classroom community in virtual learning online is especially important," said Crowe.

Jenn Mills, principal at HHSS, is excited for what adventures the new year will bring. "I'm looking forward to getting the new school year started and welcoming our incoming Grade 9's to HHSS. We will continue to support students and families in meaningful ways to allow students to succeed in all pathways in a positive and inclusive learning environment," she said.

For students, however, a new school year can bring all sorts of different

emotions. For Jase and Ryan Cox, they are looking forward to new friends and experiences at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. "They are looking forward to seeing their friends again. They love school. They are excited to see who their teachers are, and to use their brand new backpacks," said their Mom, Brittany Cox.

Alex and Simon Lee, going into Grades 7 and 3 respectively at J Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, agree with Jase and Ryan. "I'm excited to get to hang out with my friends as I don't see them as often over the summer," said Alex, while his brother agreed.

For students, a new school year can bring a mix of emotions. For those entering a new year feeling a little bit nervous, the best advice is to get involved and do your best.

Every school has a wide range of activities for students to participate in and have fun, including those at HHSS.

"Many clubs and sports are being planned for and we want students to get involved in school life. Being a part of extracurriculars and activities outside the classroom is a great way to meet new people and get involved in school life!" said Mills.

While custodians have been working hard to ensure the schools are perfect for the first day, staff are busy preparing class lists and timetables, and teachers are furiously planning lessons and activities to help promote learning, everyone is working together to ensure the upcoming school year is full of learning and discovery for students of all ages.

As a teacher, I want the same thing that parents want: for students to know that the upcoming school year is something to embrace. There will be new adventures, new learning, new friendships, and new opportunities that await, and I for one can't wait to see what the upcoming year brings.



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Editorial

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by Tammy Nash

Strands of support

WE ALL HAVE the potential to send strands of goodness, positive energy and support out into the world.

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The list can go on forever. These strands of light and love and goodness hold us all.

They connect us to each other and we rely on them to get us through our days.

They give us hope, and 52,558 strands are currently floating around us in this county.

These strands are made up of 19 teams that include 57 participants who are moving to raise awareness and money for the Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC).

Every team is unique in what they are doing. People are lifting weights, hiking, biking, seeking beauty, paddling, doing yoga, swimming, walking their dog and some have been known to dance in their kitchen and at the dump.

There are 19 generous sponsors who have stepped up to support the event. Further, there are an incredible 339 people who have donated to our challenge so far.

We are a generous county! So far we have raised \$52,124. When you add all these numbers together you get 52,558 strands of commitment floating around us.

I am on a team called After Coffee and Tea, and what I love about

this event is that every team is doing something unique.

Every person contributes in their own way. It is really fun to read the bios of the teams on the Haliburton Highlands Challenge website; people who have had cancer are participating.

Some are moving in honour of someone they have lost. People are participating from across Canada.

Our goal for the fundraiser is \$80,000 and we are going to make it! More strands are added daily.

And then the real celebration begins when we add the participants who will get to go to ARC with their caregiver because of the money we have raised.

Their strands are extra, super strong because we all know how grateful a person is when they are not well and get

to be looked after. Get to be loved. Get to be cherished. Get to be in the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands.

I am so thankful that I have not had cancer, but I have lost a father in law and sister in law and in this past year a dear friend who I loved.

We all know people living with cancer and our love helps in every way that we can give it. If you want to read more about the HHC and ARC check out abbeyretreatcentre.ca/haliburton-highlands-challenge.

I bet you will know someone who is on a team, or some one who has donated! I really don't like asking people for money, but I am asking you to consider donating a strand or 20. Every single strand helps. Thank you.

Tales from
the great



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Foosballer

LAST WEEK, WHILE on vacation, I discovered that I have a love and remarkable talent for the game of tabletop foosball. To be perfectly clear though, that talent is for losing at the game.

Despite this, I still went out and bought a foosball game of my own. By the way, if the Europeans call football footie, can I call foosball foosie?

Never mind – just try to stop me.

If you have never played foosie, you would probably enjoy the game, particularly if you played against me. For though I score a lot of goals, very few of them are against my opponent.

Foosie is similar to the tabletop hockey games we all played as kids, except that it is a game that simulates soccer poorly.

As simulations go, I pray it is not an accurate one. For one thing, the players are skewered on the same rod that goes right through them from shoulder to shoulder. I

don't watch enough soccer to know if this is accurate.

Nor do they have feet in the classic form. Instead, they have a left and a right foos, which are sadly fused together.

You play the game by using the rods to move your players side to side and to kick the ball.

Thus far, in my experience, the hardest part of the game is finding a worthy opponent – at least that what Jenn says.

That's easy for her to say, Jenn is the world's best foosball player. And I'm not just giving her title, so I don't feel bad about continually losing to her. I will say, I would feel even better about that if she appeared to be trying or even mildly interested.

I have tried everything to be a better foosball player. I have gone on-line and watched good foosball players on YouTube. They are amazing – although the lighting could be better in their mother's basement. I have also visited websites where people with no life instruct other people with no life about the intricacies of the game. I'll tell you. What a bunch of losers.

All this was to no avail. That's why yesterday, I decided to try something totally different. Yes, I watched excerpts from a real soccer game, hoping that some of the things I saw there might help me formulate tactics that would improve my chance of winning on the foosie field.

Yet, yesterday, after I fell to the ground, faked an injury, and limped dramatically away from the foosball table, all it got me four goals scored against me in quick succession. It would have been worse had my opponent not been the dog.

Foosie is as much physical as psychological – which is to say it is neither.

That's why I have also tried other ways to win or distract my opponent. But Jenn has a problem with me sloping the board in my favour. And she definitely got upset when I attempted to streak across the field to disrupt the game. I think it's mostly because she doesn't like my feesprints on the dining room table.

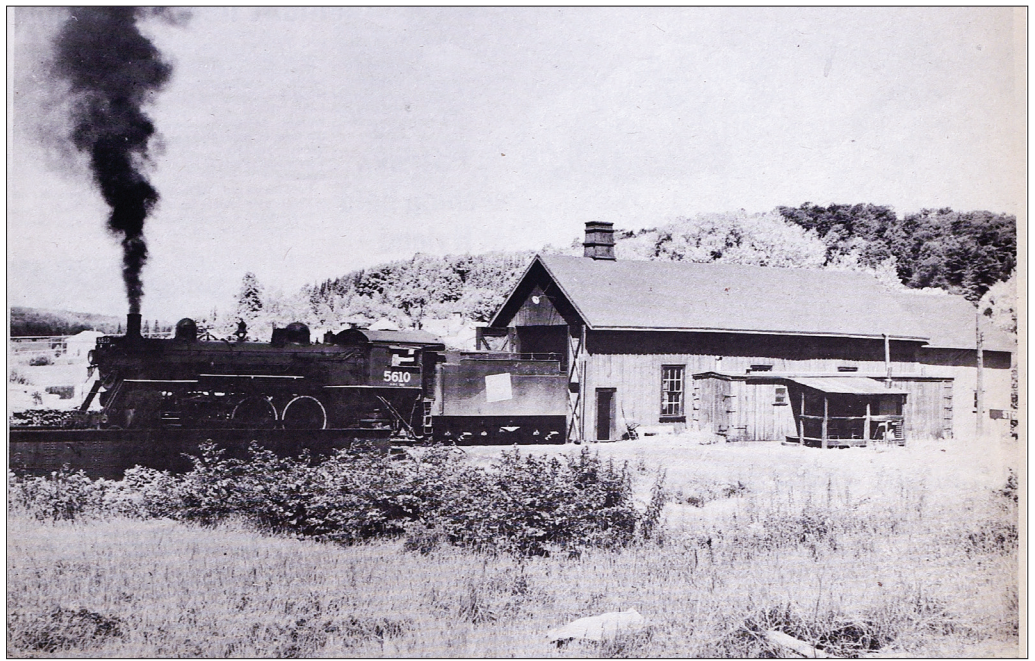
Also she does not enjoy it, when I do occasionally score, partly because I run around the room, rip off my shirt, throw it in to the stands, and slide across the floor on my knees and hold my arms up triumphantly as I thank the heavens.

But, then again, she always makes a big deal out of nothing.



steve
galea

Loon Tales



pic of the past

A 1956 photo of the former Roundhouse at Haliburton. /FILE

letters to the editor

Re: Curbing climate change, Aug. 8

To the Editor,

I read the article on Aug 8 about climate change and stand 100 per cent behind what the Mayor of Dysart, Mr. Murray Fearrey said.

Mr. Fearrey is a common sense man, that is why he got re-elected. I agree that pouring money into something that will have little effect on the world unless other countries start dealing with it as well.

So yes, when we're overdoing it, taxes will go up and who suffers the most? People who are already struggling to keep a roof over their head, food on the table and pay bills and can't consider being able to afford vacations, newer vehicle, kids in expensive activities, sports, etc.

So higher taxes to fight "climate fluctua-

tions" will have an effect on families or persons who are already struggling to survive.

And yes, the climate has been "fluctuating" since the beginning of time and will continue to do so. Everyone on this earth can all do their part to help their own environment improve better and be more aware on how to do it, without over doing it, as we are. Group thinking with the world doesn't work and is costly to all.

People living from paycheck to paycheck everywhere should also be a concern. They are one paycheck away from poverty.

Denise McCluskey
Haliburton

Re: A Walk on the wild side, Aug. 8

To The Editor,

Thank you for your very interesting and comprehensive article telling the story of the dedicated and caring work carried out by the staff at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. We are so fortunate to have this organization in our County. They allow us to rescue injured and orphaned animals and to know we have a safe and experienced rehab facility to take them to in a timely manner.

To learn more about the rescue, rehabilitation and release work at WWS, just go to their website: www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca.

As Woodlands does not receive funding from any government you can also read about how to donate money and supplies. They appreciate the many donations from both, local organizations, and individuals, and rely on them to keep functioning and nurturing their varied and numerous animals, and to support the work of their hard working and passionate volunteers.

Barbara Bohlin
Drag Lake



Call for back to school photos!

If you have a back to school photo you'd like to submit next week, please email it to vivian@haliburtonpress.com.

Letters to the Editor note: Submissions are subject to editing for newspaper style and punctuation.

Gifts From The Heart launches early appeal for funds

For the past few years, SIRCH's annual Gifts From The Heart campaign has been raising much needed funds to support Community Kitchen, a program where volunteers gather weekly at SIRCH Bistro to prepare nutritious meals that are distributed for free to individuals in the community.

Over the past few months the need has grown so much that SIRCH is launching its fundraiser early this year, in the hopes of sustaining the monthly meal program.

As of August, SIRCH is preparing and distributing 1,400 meals and 300 nutrient dense soups throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. These packaged meals are given to people who are ill, homeless, frail, palliative, unable to cook or simply can't afford to eat.

That number has increased significantly since the start of the pandemic, and donations from last year's Gifts From The Heart campaign will keep Community Kitchen meals at their current level until mid October. After that, the money to sustain the program will run out.

"We expected the need to go down after COVID, but instead it went up," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson.

She points to a number of factors that have led to the increase in need, including a high population of seniors and a staggering local child poverty rate. According to statistics from Addressing Food Insecurity and Poverty, released in 2022 by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, a family of four on minimum wage only has 33 per cent of the money needed to purchase healthy food. And a person on disability support requires 73 per cent of their income just for rent.



Volunteers help package meals at Community Kitchen, a SIRCH Community Services program that prepares nutritious dinners, soups and desserts that are distributed for free throughout Haliburton County and Bancroft. The program is currently distributing 1,400 meals and 300 nutrient dense soups a month, all made at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery. Funds are needed to ensure this program continues, as Community Kitchen receives no government funding. /Submitted

One elderly meal recipient said the meals made a difference to him and his wife while she was ill. "His wife was sick and he was tending to her needs and finding the time to cook wasn't easy," said Jackie Smith from City of Kawartha Lakes Housing. "My last visit was tears of gratefulness as his wife was able to eat and enjoyed it. He wanted to say thank you."

The meals are distributed through 12 partner agencies, who see firsthand the impact they are making in people lives.

"Our clients are very thankful," said

another distributor about the meals. "I know they [the meals] are making a big difference. They are helping to take the stress off for families."

The program is entirely reliant on donations, as it receives no government funding. It is for this reason SIRCH Community Services is turning to the public for help and for hope as we head into the cold fall and winter months.

"Residents shouldn't have to choose between heating their home and buying groceries, but that is what's happening in our community," said Robertson.

There are many ways to donate, including by cheque, online, e-transfer and by phone. Or stop into the SIRCH office at

49 Maple Ave. to find out more about the organization and the Community Kitchen program. Every bit of help is appreciated and needed.

"We couldn't do what we do without a compassionate community, which is what Haliburton County is. A caring community that looks out for one another and wants to help create resilience. And Community Kitchen, and the volunteers who make it happen, are creating resilience with every meal they make," said Robertson.

To donate visit www.sirch.on.ca and click on donate, or call 705-457-1742.

Submitted by SIRCH Community Services



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Upton's generosity recognized with prestigious award

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Audrina Upton is the true definition of selfless. By constantly going above and beyond for her community and individuals in it, her tireless work has been recognized by MP Jamie Schmale.

Upton was awarded with the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Coin for her outstanding community work.

"The world's not an easy place, and everybody can use a helping hand sometimes, but not everybody's up front to ask, so sometimes you have to just step up and offer," Upton said to the *Echo*.

Upton grew up in Wilberforce, attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and has been working for Tim Horton's for 13 years, the first 10 in Minden and as manager in Haliburton for the past three.

"I met Jamie Schmale's assistant Andrew Hodson when he was working for the John Howard Society. At the time, he had an elderly client who had a big flood in her house, so she needed to be housed at the motel for a bit while repairs were happening, and it was the middle of winter," Upton said. "Even though the store was right across the highway, her mobility made it difficult for her to get her own meals."

Hodson called Upton at the Minden Tim Horton's across the road from the motel.

She quickly agreed to help in any way she could. "Between myself and all the staff, we walked over breakfast, lunch, and dinner to her everyday and helped with some of her other deliveries," Upton said.

To make the situation more difficult, this happened during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I ended up really connecting with her - I don't have any grandparents left, and I just started going over more often and spending some time with her after work to keep her company. I'm a mom of three children, so we brought the kids over at one point to play outside and make a snowman to brighten her day. It was a really beautiful little union," Upton said.

A situation that was only meant to last for about a



Audrina Upton is pictured on Tim Horton's Camp Day with her Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee coin given to her by MP Jamie Schmale. /Submitted

week turned into two-and-a-half months due to a tragic fire at the woman's house.

"The store itself continued with its deliveries, and myself and my family naturally continued spending time with her," Upton said.

But this wasn't out of character for the Tim's manager.

Among other instances, she also became a support system for another friend suffering a loss and helped facilitate fundraising for funeral costs.

"I stopped in for moral support visits, brought the kids, took her grocery shopping, helped with doctor's

appointments, those kinds of things," Upton said. Another big part of Upton's life is organizing Tim Horton's Camp Day fundraisers.

"Camp Day's always been one of my huge passions. It's one of the most local-based charities we have in our community," she said. "This was my 12th Camp Day event and my second at the Haliburton location."

Proceeds from coffee bought inside the store and money raised from other Camp Day activities like a silent auction are used to send youth in difficult situations to a week of camp at one of Tim's various locations.

"Being a Camp Day supporter is one of the best things you can do in our small town because you're genuinely helping change the life of a child by just grabbing a coffee on the day of or making a donation at the auction table," Upton said.

She said the Haliburton store had their personal best this year by raising over \$6,000 on Camp Day.

"Obviously the more money we raise, the more kids we can send to camp," she said, and credited volunteers, Tim's staff, and local children for helping make it happen.

"I had five kids camp out with me in the store the night before, and they were troopers helping out the next day. I could not have made that day happen without their support, and we couldn't have done it without the support of the community too," Upton said.

In December of 2022, the Haliburton store received exciting mail.

"Jamie, he sent me the award to the store. It was kind of a Christmas miracle, if I'm honest," she said. "I was going through a few rough things personally at the time, and the award showed up in the mail, and it seems like everything else fell into place after that."

The award to her signifies the importance of acting selflessly and helping the community.

"One of the coolest parts about receiving that award from Jamie was being able to take it home and show my kids that this is what hard work and perseverance does, and that it's important to do the right thing even if nobody's looking," she said. "It's the little things that make the world go around."

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Lost history comes alive on Kashagawigamog

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

Traces of Haliburton County history come alive on the Lost Haliburton Boat Tours, a collaboration between the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Captain Paul Dillon of the boat *Lady of the Lake*. With interpreter Tim Hagarty leading the charge, the tours offer a glimpse into the golden era of lodges on Lake Kashagawigamog every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. throughout the summer seasons.

Running for six years now, the tours began as a collaboration between Dillon and Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum. The two discussed how they came about with the idea, with much of the research, history, and passion provided by Hagarty.

"There was some sort of potential collaboration we could see for some sort of boat tour and the local history aspect, and exactly what that was going to look like took a while to decide. Tim Hagarty ... has a huge enthusiasm about the history of the lodges ... and expressed his interest in being a part of it and it was a lovely case of all the pieces coming together. One year we decided 'let's give it a try and see.' The first year we did it we just did four tours, but we had this overwhelming reception for it, so the next year we upped it to once a week through the whole summer," said Butler.

Having attended the lodges since he was in his mother's womb in 1946, Hagarty's passion for the local history shines



Interpreter Tim Hagarty leads the Lost History tour through the Kashagawigamog Lake chain./CHRISTINE CARR Staff

through in his tours. With 33 lodges existing on the Kashagawigamog Lake Chain in their heyday, and around 70 throughout Haliburton County, there are as few as eight still existing today. Hagarty cites

the contribution of the lodges in encouraging visitors to the area in why the region is such a popular cottage destination today.

"Long story short, I came up here in

1946 to go to the lodges. I've always loved lodges ... it's kind of a neat little history of this area. It was so important to the area, back in the day. There were 33 lodges on this lake, or on this chain, which was unbelievable. That's what got me going, then I just continued on for some unknown reason," said Hagarty.

The people are part of the reason Dillon and Hagarty enjoy offering these tours week after week. The stories and history of the region are ever expanding as many visitors bring their own stories to add to the tapestry of the region.

"It is interesting to see the mixture of people. Sometimes people going on the tours have a history with the lodges and resorts, and they want to reconnect with that history. Some people are just curious about what that part of Haliburton's story is ... or want to see the local lakes from a different angle," said Butler.

Hagarty agreed, stating, "I enjoy the people as well. I enjoy telling stories. We get information from the people whose cousin or great aunt did this or that, then suddenly it gives us a different avenue."

Hagarty plans to continue the tours until he can no longer physically continue, seeing no end in sight to the days spent sharing his passion with visitors and locals alike. For more information, visit the museum website at dysarttel.ca/en/explore-and-play/museum.aspx or call 705-457-2760. Captain Paul Dillon also offers private charters and is highly knowledgeable about the local history. He can be reached through his website at www.highlandboattours.com.

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Breathe and relax at Mi Tula Yoga

CHRISTINE CARR

Staff Reporter

"Just breathe, and relax" is an often repeated mantra at Mi Tula Yoga, located at 1584 Loop Road in Wilberforce. With a variety of yoga classes offered throughout the week, Gloria Gutierrez brings her yoga experience and sense of purpose to practitioners in the Highlands East area.

Beginning in October of 2022 with a group of friends, Gutierrez began offering weekly classes out of her home in Wilberforce while she prepared to open her studio to the public. After attending an intensive yoga teaching course in India, she began Mi Tula Yoga in June and has begun offering a variety of classes to people of all ages and abilities.

"I was preparing myself for this for probably almost 10 years. The last two years I said, this is what I want to do and I am going to see what happens. I worked for two years practicing and starting by myself, then I took the training [in India]," said Gutierrez.

When speaking of her goals for her yoga classes, she described the importance of bringing the benefits of yoga to the region. Having seen the rewards of yoga in her own life, in promoting healthy living and a more balanced lifestyle, she wants to see others embrace those experiences as well.

"My goal is to make this community grow and to make people love yoga. I am in love with yoga, I have seen the benefits, and I have seen my life improve in so many aspects, yoga is an amazing tool to have a simple life, to have more benefits,

to have more connection between your breath, body, and mind. I believe you have a better lifestyle," said Gutierrez.

Her classes aren't solely about yoga techniques, as she encourages new friendships and social networks to form in the community. It was clear in her Thursday night Yin Yoga class that new friendships and relationships had been created, as practitioners exchanged handmade zucchini loaf brought by one attendee and discussed exchanging vegetables from their gardens. After the class ended, practitioners were raving about her program and its variety.

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My goal is to make this community grow and to make people love yoga.

— Gloria Gutierrez, owner of Mi Tula Yoga

"They're all different. She has such a good selection," said Lorraine, while Karen agreed: "I never feel like I did the same thing." As practitioners discussed the difficulty and differences between different courses, Gutierrez said, "Try different classes. It can be hard in the beginning, but you know your body."

After every class, Gutierrez promotes community-minded celebration as she encourages guests to stay for refreshments and take the time to relax and be social. In her evening classes, she offers Rooibos and Mint tea, with the mint grown in her own garden. She described how this is an important part of the experience for her and her guests.

"I love what I'm doing. I love the social aspect after the class. When it's a morning class we have tea, when it's an afternoon class we have water with something from the garden. People have a drink, talk to some friends. I love this aspect," she said.

Gutierrez looks forward to what the future may bring with her classes. In today's busy world, she hopes to encourage more people to take time to slow down and experience the benefits of yoga. With everything from seniors classes, to classes promoting breathing and movement for all ages and skill levels, her full schedule can be found on her Facebook page at Mi Tula Yoga. For more information, message her on Facebook or email her at mitulayoga@gmail.com.



Gloria Gutierrez and some of her friends began hosting yoga in her home in Wilberforce in Oct. 2022. /CHRISTINE CARR Staff



Form 6 SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, September 13th, 2023
- **TIME:** 11:00 am.
- **LOCATION:** The Committee of Adjustment meeting will be held in Council Chambers and electronically. The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-018 Berwick

- The following variance is requested to permit construction of an oversized private cabin on a lot located in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the maximum gross floor area of a private cabin to be 54.99 square metres (592 square feet), which exceeds the permitted maximum gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
- Location: Part Lot 1, Concession 5, 19R-3983 Part 4 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

2. D13-MV-2023-019 Turner

- The following variance is requested to legalize an oversized private cabin on a lot located in the WR3L zone:
 - a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the gross floor area of a private cabin to be 54.9 square metres (590 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
- Location: Part Lot 9, Concession 13, Parts 1 and 2, 19R-7618, in the Geographic Township of Guilford, in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

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A COPY OF THE DECISION will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary-Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
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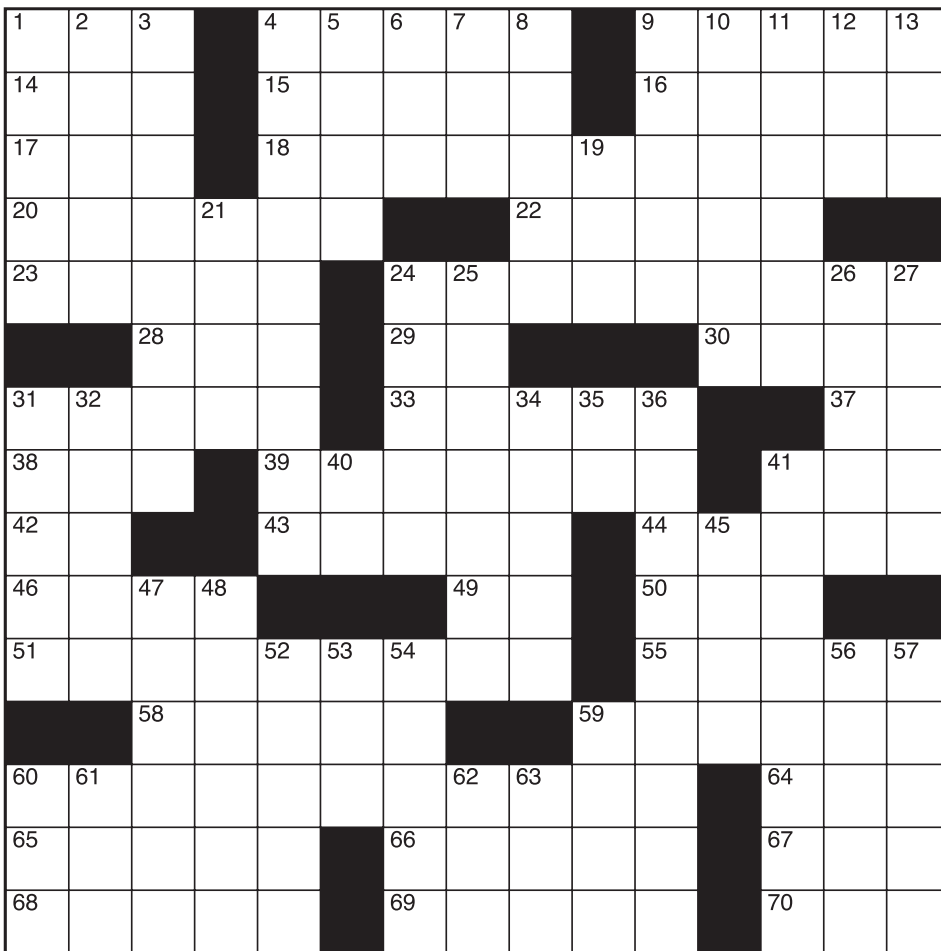
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between east and southeast
4. At right angles to a ship's length
9. William Penn's business partner
14. __ de plume
15. Accomplished soccer coach
16. Bone cavities
17. __ juris: independent
18. Popular Philly sandwich
20. Northern Ireland county
22. Performing artist
23. S S S
24. Lacks flavor
28. Commercials
29. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
30. Qatar's capital
31. Indigenous peoples of Alberta
33. Popular footwear
37. Indicates position
38. Anglican cathedral
39. Aircraft part
41. Before
42. Blood group
43. Secretory organ
44. Fencing swords
46. The small projection of a mammary gland
49. Technological advancement
50. Male parent
51. Dissociable
55. More cold
58. Cape Verde Islands capital
59. Blood disorder
60. Creative
64. Sun up in New York
65. Made angry
66. Relieves
67. Brooklyn hoopster
68. Seasonings
69. Movable barriers
70. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur as a result of
2. Spiritual essences
3. Representative
4. Entering
5. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
6. Midway between northeast and east
7. Consumed
8. Tablelands
9. Kids' craft accessory
10. Not known
11. Sound directed through two or more speakers
12. A major division of geological time
13. Wild ox
19. Shock treatment
21. Turner and Lasso are two
24. Genus of flowering plants
25. Relating to ductless glands
26. Stock certificate
27. Satisfies
31. Places to enjoy a rest
32. Edward __, author and writer
34. " __ but goodie"
35. One hundredth of a liter
36. Shabbiness
40. TV personality Roker
41. Triangular upper part of a building
45. Speed at which you move
47. Offend
48. A reference point to shoot at
52. Forays
53. Biblical city
54. Blatted
56. Northern sea duck
57. Shabby (slang)
59. Allege
60. Tax collector
61. Whereabouts unknown
62. Chinese philosophical principle
63. Indicates equal

Answers on page 13



Wayne Krangleis is pictured at his sugar shack on Klaypack Lake. /Submitted

Syrup for Soldiers: all heart!

JERELYN CRADEN

Special to the Echo

You've Gotta Have Heart, from the Tony award-winning musical *Damn Yankees* could be Haliburton resident, Wayne Krangle's, theme song, because when it comes to having heart, Krangle's got it in spades. Into his fifteenth year making, bottling, and donating all proceeds from his Syrup for Soldiers to Wounded Soldiers Canada, Krangle is giving back.

Since 2007, Krangle, a Toronto native turned passionate outdoorsman, thrives in the Highlands finding great joy working hands-on producing 500 bottles of medium maple syrup each season to help support Canadian veterans and first responders living with trauma and physical disabilities.

How it began

When Krangle was a pre-teen, his mother recognized his love of the outdoors and went in search of an enriching summer camp experience. Enter – Camp Kandalore in the Highlands. “At the time,” Krangle said, “it was a really rough-it, all-boys kind of experience. So, she sent me there when I was twelve and I’ve never looked back.”

Krangle spent his teenage summers and early twenties as a tripping guide at Camp Kandalore, Camp Timberlane, and Wabikon in Temagami. "That morphed into white water paddling," he

said. "I became an avid kayaker back in the 80s and kayaked internationally, but it was Haliburton that felt like home."

Then, in 2007, Krangle purchased 350 acres on Claypack Lake in the Highlands. "It had a 480 square foot shack. You needed four-wheel drive on a good day to get in here. Many times, you had to walk in. The road is almost 2 kms long," he said. The house was enlarged one year later.

"Because we had so many maple trees on the property, I always thought it was so special to be able to poke a hole in a tree, take that sap out of the tree, boil it, and make something so special as maple syrup," Krangle said. "So, in order to learn about maple syrup making and production, I went up to Dorset's Ministry of Natural Resources and took a day-long maple syrup making class and learned the basics."

Two days later, at 2 in the morning, Wrangle had an epiphany. "I thought, don't do it for money. Do it for charity."

Synchronicity lends a hand
Upon his return from a tour in Afghanistan, Krangle's son, Chuck, gave him a book written by the late Christie Blatchford, *Fifteen Days*. "She had ridden around in a Canadian tank and witnessed 15 different battles," he said. "She wrote about the carnage that our fellow countrymen had gone through and suffered. There was a time when soldiers

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'I want to make a difference' says Krangle

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were coming home in a box and being celebrated on the Highway of Heroes. I thought how sad it was, and that I wanted to do something for the people who were going to have to live with lifelong injuries and disabilities."

"So, I asked Chuck what I could do for those folks, and he turned me on to Wounded Warriors Canada. At the time, it was a pretty fledgling organization and it has since morphed into something much bigger. I started sending all the proceeds from my maple syrup production to them."

Now, into Syrup for Soldier's fifteenth year Krangle said: "I'm hoping by the end of this coming season that I will have contributed \$100,000 to date."

Wounded Soldiers Canada (WSC) helps Canada's veterans, first responders and their families feel safe, supported, and understood.

Trauma Resiliency Program (TRP)
The TRP is an innovative Operational Stress Injury program that is aimed at helping serve members of the Canadian Forces, Veterans and First Responders who have been exposed to traumatic events.

Spousal Resiliency Program

The Spousal Resiliency Program is designed for Veteran and First Responder spouses who have been exposed to operational stress injuries, such as PTSD, in their relationships.

Find a Clinician
Warrior Health is a centralized platform connecting injured Veterans, First Responders and their families with occupationally aware clinicians.

"Since Wounded Soldiers Canada opened in 2009," Krangle said, "their programs also help our first responders. Chuck, who is a veteran police officer in Toronto, has seen all kinds of situations where officers need support."

Making a difference

On his website, syrupforsoldiers.org, Krangle wrote: It takes 40 litres of sap to make one litre of maple syrup. It's a whole lot of work but nothing compares to serving on behalf of Canada in far off places. "I want to make a difference," Krangle said, "and with Syrup for Soldiers, I found something that I can do."

When asked when his work for the season begins, Krangle said after a healthy pause, "Last time I was making firewood, it was for two years from now. Once everything gets frozen, you can tap the trees. Last year, I started tapping in January and then waited for the sap to flow in March. If you wait until March to tap, when there's four feet of snow, it's just harder to get around. With 260 trees, it's about two days of work to tap them."

The COVID crunch
Krangle said he used to have a lot of help, "and then COVID hit and it was like a one-man show. I had five proteges – people who came to help me. They saw how much fun and satisfying it is, and they got the bug. All of them." Krangle laughs, "Now they make their own maple syrup, and I lost my volunteers."

Most of Krangle's 250 ml bottles of Syrup for Soldiers is sold by the case and purchased as a donation. "We're already sold out for 2023," he said. "I have one case that I'm keeping for my Hike Haliburton hike."

Getting Wild with Wayne

Krangle is back again this year with his popular Hike Haliburton hike, an exploration of his 350 acres on Claypack Lake including hikes, information about his maple syrup operation and insights into how his property is managed under the Ontario Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program.

To get on next year's list for Syrup for Soldiers, contact: Wayne Krangle at: 416 402-6335.

For more information about Wounded Warriors Canada and/or to donate, visit: woundedwarriors.ca



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Meeting on

DATE: Wednesday, October 11, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: County of Haliburton Administration Building
ADDRESS: 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed amendment to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 and 21 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This application applies to the geographic area of the County of Haliburton in its entirety.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment will replace the reference to "second units" as shown Section 4.4 of the Haliburton County Official Plan with the phrase "additional residential units". Additional text is proposed to be added to reflect the changes incorporated into Section 35 of the Planning Act. Furthermore, proposed Official Plan Amendment will change the wording of HCOP Policy 3.3.7 - New development within 1,000 meters of an Urban Settlement Area boundary or a Rural Settlement Area boundary. The proposed wording changes serve to clarify the intent of the policy which is to ensure that non-compatible land uses are not located in the rural fringe area adjacent to settlement areas.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: None

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON, K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A copy of Official Plan Amendment No.1 (Additional Residential Units) can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department. Additional information regarding Official Plan Amendment No.1 (Additional Residential Units) is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 30th day of August 2023.

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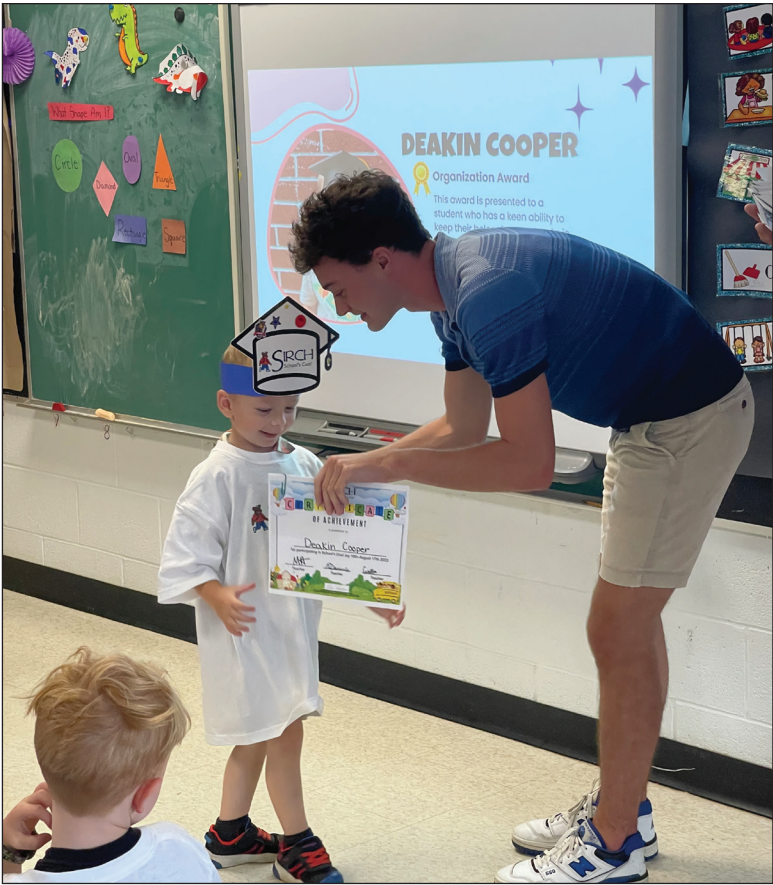
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Deakin Cooper receives his graduation certificate from Schools Cool instructor Chad Walker on Aug. 17. Deakin was presented with the Organization Award at the celebration, which recognized each child for their unique strengths and skills they brought to the program.

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Thank you to Dr. Chandhoke and the Oncology Team from the Durham Regional Cancer Centre in Oshawa who provided Wade with informed care and support during his battle with cancer. A very special thank you to Dr. Norm Bottum and the nurses at the Haliburton Hospital who cared for Wade with compassion during the days leading up to and ensuring dignity throughout his final days while in palliative care.

Thank you to Dwaine and Lori Lloyd of the Haliburton Funeral Home for their kindness and caring during this difficult time.

Our family has always recognized Haliburton as a very special place, but we now understand more than ever, why Wade believed wholeheartedly in this community and dedicated so much of himself over the years in his own way to making Haliburton a great place to be. He would often mention that he believed he lived in the greatest place on earth. He loved this town. Thank you everyone, from the bottom of our hearts.

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Highlands mosquitoes pose little threat to humans as West Nile carriers

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Staff Reporter

Last week, tests confirmed that a dead crow found in Haliburton tested positive for the West Nile virus.

"The finding shouldn't be a surprise. I've been saying all along we can expect to see West Nile virus showing up in birds in our area this summer," says Dr. Alex Hukowich, Medical Officer of Health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. "It's really everywhere in Southern Ontario."

Hukowich says the chances of an outbreak of the disease among humans in the Highlands is next to none because we are too rural and we don't have the breed of mosquitoes that spread the disease from birds to humans.

"The mosquitoes that bite birds usually only go after birds, and if there are no birds around, then maybe they might choose people instead," he says. "But what are the chances of there being no birds around?"

According to Hukowich the chances could be around 10 per cent.

In parts of the United States which reported some type of West Nile virus activity, he notes, 90 per cent of the areas did not see any human cases. However, he says, the United States has different climates and different breeds of mosquitoes so it's hard to compare.

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Championship form

Ryon Bell of Victoria, B.C. regained his title as the Canadian National Champion in trial riding. Over the weekend, the top rider in 2000 competed in the Canadian National Trials Championships near Minniecock Lake, beating out other competitors to have his name placed at the top of the list again. More photos and results are on page 15.

New life for old facility?

Dysart considers turning former sewage treatment plant into a holding depot

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Dysart's old sewage treatment plant in Haliburton is facing the end of the road for life expectancy but it may see a resurrection as a septage holding facility.

Bill DeAngelis, American Water Services Canada director, informed Dysart et al councilors recently that he has reviewed the certificate of approval for the old plant.

"I don't know if it should figure into the overall capacity of the (sewage) system," he said. "It may be more valuable to expand the new plant (when needed) rather than invest in the old plant."

DeAngelis explained that his staff examined the old plant and found a lot of corrosion in the pipes and the shell. The old plant was built in 1972 and DeAngelis said that in his experience these types of facilities only have a life span of approximately 30 years.

The idea was floated about whether the old plant could be used as a septage holding facility. The idea would be to use the tanks in the old plant to store septage while keeping it aerated with bubbles going through and then pumping it to the new plant for treatment. This would benefit the municipality by helping to maintain flows of sewage to the new plant at an ideal level.

If sewage flows become too

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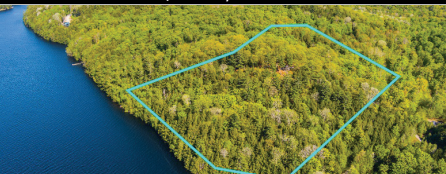


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